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Hubert SCHRUEBBERS, President of the BfV

1. Hubert SCHRUEBBERS was born on 3 November 1907 in Recklinghausen, North Rhine-Westphalia. He studied law at the Universities of Tuebingen, Berlin and Muenster, and after having passed his final legal examinations in July 1931, began to practice law. He continued to work in the legal field until the outbreak of World War II, and was appointed Prosecuting Attorney in Bochum, North Rhine-Westphalia in June 1939.

2. From August 1943 until May 1946 SCHRUEBBERS served with the German Armed Forces, first as member of the II SS Grenadier Panzer Brigade, and subsequently with the 6/SS Grenadier Panzer Regiment (a police unit). The highest rank he attained during his military service was that of Sergeant. Taken prisoner by the British in September 1944, he was released sometime in 1946, and returned to the legal profession in January 1947. He was Prosecuting Attorney successively in Hamm, Arnsberg, Cologne and Karlsruhe, and in 1955 he was Attorney General in Duesseldorf.

3. In August 1955 he was appointed President of the BfV (Bundesamt fuer Verfassungsschutz - Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution), to fill the vacancy created in July 1954 when the previous President, Otto JOHN, defected to the East. Prior to the latter appointment, SCHRUEBBERS possessed neither experience nor technical knowledge in the intelligence and security field. However, indications were that his appointment came about as a result of his solid background of unquestioned respectability, and also because he was highly respected as a career official in judicial, police, ministerial and parliamentary circles.

4. SCHRUEBBERS is married to Johanna-Maria SCHRUEBBERS nee UHL, a former concert singer, and he is the father of two teen-age children. He is 5'10" tall, of medium build, with dark hair. He has been described as a well educated man, and an extremely competent lawyer who is well liked by his associates. Although his political affiliation is not specifically known, it is felt that he is a conservative with leanings towards the CDU (ADENAUER's Party).

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